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I am writing to the Department of Justice asking that Microsoft settlement with the majority of the states be extended to the ones holding out for further penalties. There is nothing to be gained from penalizing Microsoft as the company has already agreed to a settlement which will be beneficial to a large segment of the country. Just because Microsoft has been innovative, successful, and has advanced the world of computers far beyond what one would have realized a decade ago, the company should not be punished.. It has been successful and should be allowed to continue to innovate without interference from the U.S. government. Microsoft and companies its size are a stimulus to the economy creating hundreds of jobs. I urge the Department of Justice to settle the case without further hearings and let a successful company continue to innovate. Signed: William W. Crowder, PH.D. 629 NORTH STREET, LAFAYETTE, IN 47901